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The five flying geese who fell to their deaths in the Wise Plaza fountain during the icy weekend were the focus of a midweek memorial service.

Inspired by Sophomore Jim Kimlicko, the service began with a moving eulogy delivered by a tearful Roger Pharr. The eulogy was followed by a tear-jerking rendition of "Taps" played by the same Pharr on his trumpet. The service ended with music students singing "I'll Fly Away."

Later the same day maintenance man C.D. Minson and a Tyler welder were busy repairing the fountain. Physical Plant Director Bill Parker said, "The statue should be repaired in a day or two."

Maybe the fallen fowl should be rechristened Phoenix.

Photo by Greg Press



Seminars offer help

Taking notes, studying for tests, preparing resumes, planning health careers and exploring physical fitness are some of the areas to be covered during the TJC spring seminar series.

The Counseling, Testing and Support Services Center has planned these seminars to challenge one's thinking, for informational purpose and to entertain and enlighten students, said Counselor Dr. L.A. Barnes. All sessions are from 1 to 1:50 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons.

Counselors Vickie Geisel and Terry Walch and Reading Specialist Bob Nistler will lead the Feb. 19 seminar on Study Skills in Jenkins 223. This seminar designed to aid the student in learning to take useful notes will include tips on how to be a better listener.

Study Skills III planned for Feb. 26 in Jenkins 223 deals with mastering test-taking skills and controlling test-taking anxiety.

A short course in preparing resumes is planned March 12 in Room 101 of Fine Arts Building.

The March 26 seminar in FA 101 will deal with preparation for careers in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and other health professions.

Health through physical fitness will be the topic of the April 2 seminar, the final session this semester. It will meet in FA 101.

Students are urged to attend any or all of these worthwhile seminars, said Barnes. They are designed to make the transition to college an easier one.

Dorms increase visiting hours

TJC-owned dorms are trying new visitation hours this semester through a changed directed by Student Senate President Phillip Ambrose.

"This new lounge visitation policy," said Ambrose, "will be effective immediately upon acceptance by at least two-thirds of all hall residents. These new hours will only be reduced or eliminated by either two-thirds vote of the residents or action of the hall coordinator. The new policy is to include a new time schedule along with rules."

New visitation times are 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 1 p.m. to midnight Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, according to the new lounge visitation policy rule sheet.

Basically dorm visitation rules are unchanged except for increased hours. Restrictions include:

1. Visitors of the opposite sex will be allowed in lounge areas only of all college residence halls.
2. Each visitor must have a resident host with them at all times.
3. Quiet hours are in effect during visitation periods except as approved by the hall coordinator.
4. Entries and exits will be through one designated entrance.
5. No bathroom facilities will be made available.

• 6. Any disputes over activities within the lounge will be resolved by the hall coordinator or hall council. More serious problems will be referred through the disciplinary chain.

Student Housing Director John Smith said there are actions that would violate this policy and students who break the rules will be attended to.

"Non-students who violate the regulations," said Smith, "may be barred from the residence or be subject to civil penalty."

Examples of action that would call for punishment are being in a student room or hallway as a guest of the opposite sex, loudness or disturbance in the lounge or residence area, provanity or verbal abuse, having food or drink except as approved by hall coordinator, and physical violence or rough-housing.

Other "bad" actions would include being an unescorted guest with no residence host present, failure to follow the reasonable directions of a staff member and intimate actions not appropriate for public areas.

"In effect, this is a trial policy," said Smith. "It will be reviewed at the end of the spring semester to determine whether it will be continued, altered or deleted. Each student is responsible for his/her actions and each person must try to do their best to follow the rules."

Campus Briefs

Forensics students win

Seven TJC students returned victorious from the recent Intercollegiate Forensic Association State Championship at Abilene Christian University, said Speech Instructor M'Liss S. Hindman, their sponsor.

Winning first place were: Kim Hudgins, Lee Mayfield, Jean Hagan, Jeanine McDonald and Tim Jones in readers theater; McDonald in informative and top novice informative and Will Morgan, top novice dramatic interpretation.

Other winners were Hagan, second in after dinner speaking and fifth in dramatic interpretation; Morgan, third in dramatic interpretation and Tom Weaver, sixth in impromptu.

Next month students will attend the regional and state tournaments in Pasadena, said Hindman.

Senate plans dance

Student Senate is hosting its annual Valentine's Day Dance tonight in the Student Center.

"The dance will be from 8 to 11:30 p.m.," said Senate President Phillip Ambrose. "The dress will be casual."

Senate is also planning a Western Day for Feb. 25. Everyone is encouraged to wear western clothes and to take their teacher to lunch.

"Everyone should plan on wearing western clothes. It's also a good time to take your favorite teacher to lunch," said Ambrose.

Library exhibits art

A photographic exhibition entitled "Art from the Ice Age" continues at the Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center until next Friday, Feb. 22.

The exhibit features photographs of both sculptures and paintings, as well as other prehistoric art forms created during the Ice Age, said Library Services Director Johnnie Kennedy.

The display was developed by the Texas Humanities Resource Center, an agency of the

University of Texas at Arlington Library, and was funded by the Texas Committee for the Humanities.

The exhibit is at the back of the library behind the double stairs.

In addition to the exhibit case, several books are available and some special slide presentations and films are being shown at various times in the library. For more information or a schedule of films contact library personnel.

PE plans Jump-a-Thon

The Physical Education program plans a Jump-a-Thon from 5 to 8 p.m. Feb. 27 in connection with the local American Heart Association.

Those who participate must find sponsors, said P.E. Club President Gerald Harrell. Sign up sheets can be picked up from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. any school day at Wagstaff Gym.

Prizes to be awarded to all participants turning in pledges are displayed on the bulletin board at the Gym.

All proceeds from this event go to the American Heart Association, said Harrell.

For further information contact Physical Education Instructor Audrey Woods in the Gym.

Senate petitions due

Students interested in running for a position on next year's Student Senate may pick up petitions in the Student Activities office.

Student Senate President Phillip Ambrose said petitions are due March 1.

"Students who want to run for office should pick up their petitions now," said Ambrose.

"Nine vacancies will be open for new officers, and 10 senators will be elected," Ambrose continued.

Elections for next year's offices will be Wednesday, March 6.

Texans resent fed regulations

Obviously, seat belts play an important role in the safety of every motorist, and the Texas government's officials are to be commended for trying to protect its citizens. Yet Texas drivers, who are a "fiercely independent breed," according to the Texas Observer, justifiably rebel against the prospect of being forced by state law to wear the safety item.

Despite the fact that the Department of Public Safety estimates 98 percent of all collision victims were not wearing seat belts, Texas drivers want freedom of choice even if the cost is their life.

It is understandable that the state legislature would try to protect those too young to take the responsibility of protecting themselves, and pass a law requiring that parents make sure young children to use the proper type of safety restraint, whether it is a car seat or simply a seat belt.

Proud Texans, however, don't want to be further regulated by the government, which already controls where they go and how fast they can get there, and now wants to control what they do or don't do on the way.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Elizabeth H. Dole has decreed that if states comprising two-thirds of the national population do not enact mandatory seat belt laws like New York's by April 1, 1989, the federal government will assert its authority and require all automobiles to include passive restraints, either air bags or some sort of automatic, unavoidable seat belts.

The legislature can't seem to make up its mind on what type of safety appliances to require. It is torn between deciding which is safer for the motorist: air bags or mandatory seat belts.

Automobile manufacturers are understandably resentful of the safety measures the government wants to force them to include in every vehicle. Again, according to the Observer, manufacturers say including air bags in every car would raise the production cost by several hundred dollars, forcing the market price of the car up beyond the range of the average citizen.

They also say seat belts are safer than air bags anyway, because they protect in side and rear crashes as well as head-on collisions.

Even the insurance industry is involved. They say passive restraints, air bags in particular, reduce injury and death in an accident, thereby reducing claims. But they are ambivalent about any mandatory seat belt law, according to the Observer. They say it would be unenforceable. They say it would only delay an air bag law. A lot of help they are.

Seat belts can save lives. But shouldn't it be up to the individual whether he or she wants to take that precaution and wear a seat belt?

It really boils down to the same old issue: the government is trying to regulate every aspect of every private, individual citizen's life.

It makes one wonder if that entity is still in existence.

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Ritchie wins music awards

By Janet Tatum
staff writer

Many TJC students watched as Lionel Ritchie collected American Music Awards recently.

Of 18 students interviewed, seven thought Prince should have received more awards than he did, while 11 are devoted Ritchie fans.

"Lionel Ritchie deserved all of his awards for his great accomplishments because he sings from the heart, where Prince's songs are vulgar and he sings songs of hatred," said Freshman Business Major Anita Seaton.

Many students agree that Tina Turner made a great comeback from her last appearance in the 60's and still others said her physical appearance stands in the way of her achievement.

"Lionel Ritchie was great but Sheila E. should have received the award over Tina Turner," said Freshman Office Occupations Major Connie Walters.

"More rock categories should have been added to separate rock from pop. For example, Van Halen should not be in the same

category as Hall and Oates," said Sophomore Psychology Major Janna Hutson.

"It was unnecessary for them to separate the race in the divisions. For example, top black artist, unless they had done the same for top white artist," said Sophomore Education Major Steve Emmons.

"An alternative to this form of sectioning was not to separate the groups at all. Instead just top artist among the groups disregarding race - just overall," he said.

"Lionel Ritchie thinks more about society and he demonstrates this in his songs. When he closed out the ceremony he mentioned the situation in the Third World countries," said Linda Bayonne. "Prince sings songs thinking in terms of himself only."

"It would have been nice to see Ritchie's wife receive his awards since he was the master of ceremonies. There should have been more categories to give some of the other artists a chance," said Sophomore Computer Science Major Kevin Minor.

"The ceremony covered a

good portion of the music division," said Sophomore Accounting Major David Moore.

"People who received awards deserved them except Prince because of his attitude. His bodyguards should have stayed home because he was only there as a showcase for Prince. Otherwise the show was very entertaining," he also added.

Many students agree Diana Ross did a spectacular job on the tributes, but it should have been longer.

They expressed varied opinions about Cyndi Lauper. Many like her just because she is such an unusual person. Some say she is sweet and lovable and, of course, talented, while others think she is loud, obnoxious, outrageous, strange and she should have either stayed at home or gone to the beauty salon.

Although Lauper's talents are controversial, everyone surveyed agreed that Loretta Lynn, who received the merit of achievement is talented.

As one student said, "It was the most heart-warming sector of the musical awards."

DPS says seat belts save lives

Many people killed on Texas highways could have survived their accidents if they had been wearing seat belts, said the Department of Public Safety in a recent issue of the Tyler Courier Times.

"As far as the characteristics of the accidents, most fatalities have been in single-vehicle crashes," said DPS spokesperson David Wells.

Many victims may have survived if they had been wearing their

seat belts, Wells continued.

"Several of the accidents had

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people thrown out of the vehicle," he said. "There is a myth,

still pretty active, that people think their chances of surviving a crash increase if they are thrown from the vehicle. Actually, there is about a 10 times greater chance they would be killed."

Over the New Year's holiday weekend alone, Texas led the nation with 21 traffic deaths followed by California with only nine.

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LOOKING FOR AN OPENING -- Apache Lady Tammy Reescano protects the ball from her Kilgore opponent. The Ladies won 96-63.

17th ranked Ladies win 3 games

By Riley Kyle
staff writer

The Lady Apaches avenged a first-round loss to Henderson County Junior College by defeating the Lady Cardinals 90-88 in overtime last week in Wagstaff Gym.

Tammy Reescano's 15-foot jumper with three seconds remaining in overtime put TJC ahead and increased its Texas Eastern Conference record to 7-1.

Charlene James led Lady Apache scoring with 30 points, six of those in overtime. Reescano canned 21 points, while Lynn Harvey and Sonya Dickerson sank 11 points each.

In late January, the Lady Apaches defeated Angelina College and Kilgore College, prov-

ing their standing as the top-ranked team in the TEC.

The Apaches first played Angelina in Wagstaff gym and wound up beating them 92-64. The Ladies followed the win with a decisive 30-point victory over Kilgore Lady Rangers.

Against Tyler, Angelina took a quick 4-0 lead, but then the Ladies responded with baskets by Harvey, James and Joni Walker to tie the game at 6-6. More baskets followed and by halftime the Lady Apaches had increased the score to 35-31.

Resuming play, Tyler won the tip-off and followed shortly with a basket by Harvey. At the game's end, Tyler had increased its lead to 28 to win 92-64.

James led the scoring drive by hitting 10 field goals and five free throws for a total of 25 points.

Harvey followed closely followed with 12 buckets for 24 points.

The Tyler Ladies then met second-ranked Kilgore.

Although behind 6-0 at the 18:30 mark, Tyler quickly rallied to pull the score up to 43-33 by halftime. Tyler took control of the second half and added 50 more points to Kilgore's 20 to wrap up the game 93-63.

James again led the scoring drive with 12 goals and five free throws for 29 points. She was closely followed by Harvey with 13 points and freshmen Pam Webb and Reescano with 12 each.

Following the games, Tyler had a definite hold on the conference title and was also ranked 17th in a national poll of junior college teams by United Press International.

Apaches 6-5 in TEC, shooting for tourney spot

By Eric Brunelli
staff writer

Three games into the second half of Texas Eastern Conference play, the Apaches held a 6-5 conference record and were 12-9 overall.

The Apaches, led by Coach Roy Thomas, feel optimistic about their chances to challenge for the conference title. The top four TEC teams will qualify for the conference tournament.

Thomas says his game plan for the remainder of the season is simply to "win." Thomas added that the small, quick lineup,

rotating the guards and barring injuries are the keys to winning.

Despite the loss of center Derrick Williams and the injury to power forward Darrell Mitchell, the Apaches are satisfied with their play up to this point. Thomas stressed the importance of the guard position, on which the team's strength is targeted.

The Apaches' perimeter game is superbly oriented and is building and opening the inside game. The developing inside strength comes from Mitchell, Wilfred Howray and J.D. Barnett.

Thomas said this team has greatly matured despite early conference losses. Teams to defeat to gain a spot in the TEC tournament are Lon Morris College, Panola Junior College and Henderson County Junior College.

A solid starting five helps overcome each other's weaknesses. This season has been a team effort.

Main bench strength comes from Michael Grace and A.J. Bryant. The three team leaders, Deon Alexander, Nolan Richardson and Darrell Derryberry have

brought about a balanced attack.

With the addition of Assistant Coach Scott Horstman, Thomas has been increasingly able to develop and improve the team. Year-round recruiting is much easier, says Thomas, because when he is on the road scouting, Horstman takes over as leader.

Leading the Apaches in scoring are Richardson, connecting on 18 points a game, and Mitchell, second with 14 a game. Mitchell leads the team in rebounding with 10 per game, while Howray grabbing seven per outing.

In the assist department, Alex-

ander is dishing out eight per game and Derryberry is recording six per game.

Michael Grace is leading the team in both field goal and free throw shooting percentage at 67 percent and 100 percent, respectively. Derryberry is hitting 90 percent of his shots from the charity stripe.

The Apaches are connecting on 52 percent from the field and 75 percent from the free-throw line. With these stats, Thomas is confident this team can and will produce strongly in the second half of conference play.



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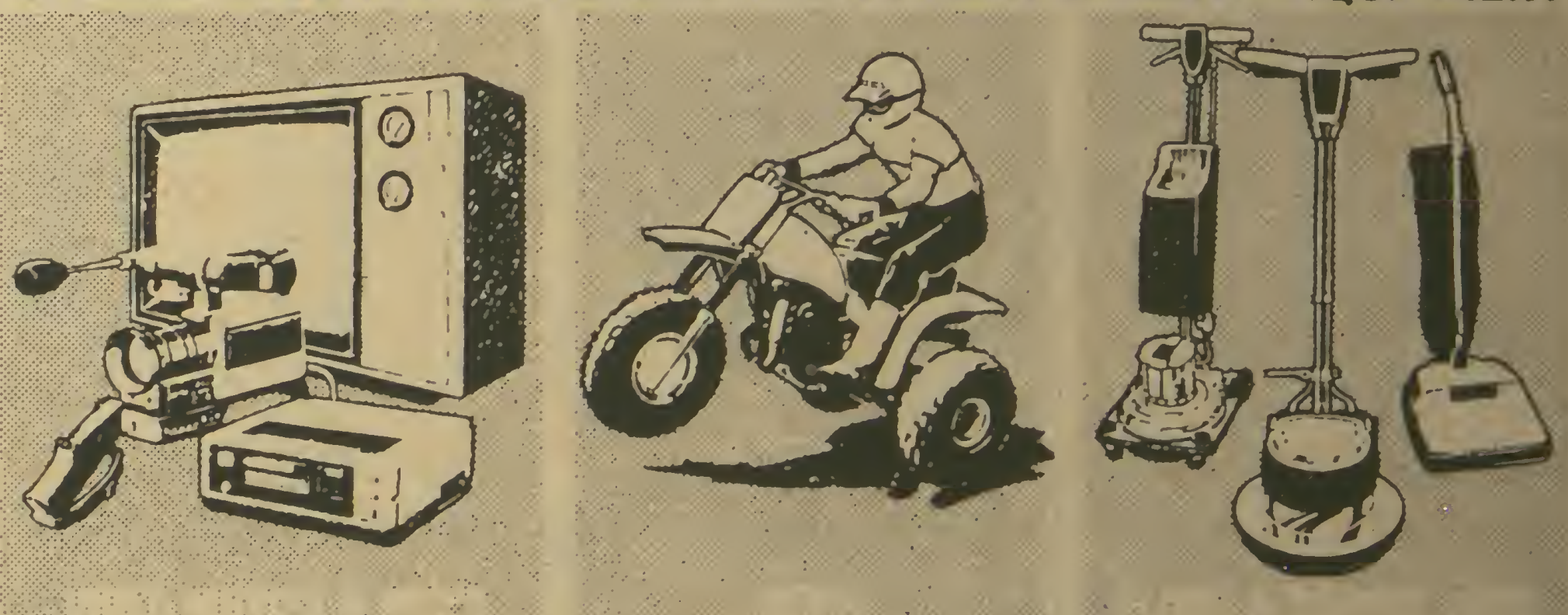
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Writing lab secret well-kept

"Despite class announcements and brochures telling about the English writing lab, it still seemed a well-kept secret during the fall semester," said Developmental English Coordinator Dr. Charles Johnson.

This writing lab has an "open door" policy for students who need assistance in improving basic grammar and usage, sentence structure, paragraph development and theme construction.

English instructors are on duty during lab hours.

The lab is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Johnson said he hopes to extend the MWF hours until 2 p.m. if possible.

Instructors can refer their students to the lab or students can come on their own. The lab can also

be used as a place for make-up work in English courses, Johnson said.

Johnson warns there is a danger that the service will not exist next year if more students do not take advantage of it.

Also, students who do attend the writing lab need to take the time to work on their writing techniques instead of using it just for make-up work in English, Johnson said.

A pilot group of students are currently enrolled in a one-semester writing lab course. These same students are also English 113 students who desire additional personal help in a lab setting.

All students are welcome and encouraged to take advantage of this English writing lab, Johnson said.



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STUDYING HARD -- Jim Boren and Christina Smith take advantage of the study facilities offered in the English writing lab.



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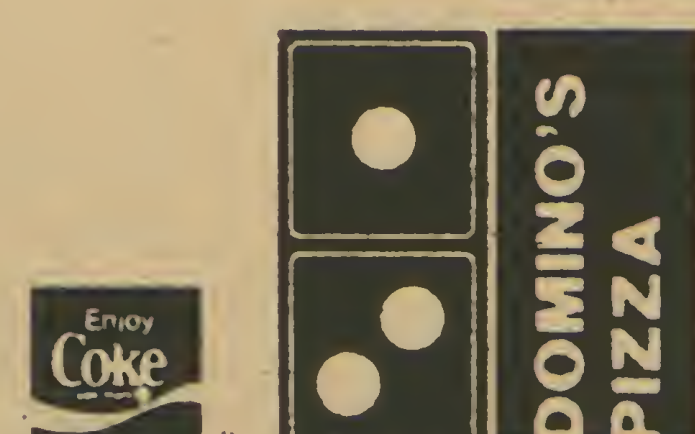


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